

GERMANS, IN RETREAT, PLANNING FOR SUPREME CLASH IN THE BATTLE
OF THE AGES; SLAUGHTER SAID TO BE BEYOND HUMAN DESCRIPTIONALLIES OVER
RIVER AISNE
AS PURSUERS

Paris Reports That Retreat of Germans Continues With Rapidity.

MAY HALT IN BELGIUM

But Will Have to Meet Offensive Movement of King Albert's Army There.

WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPT. 14.—OFFICIAL REPORTS FROM AMERICAN MILITARY OBSERVERS IN FRANCE CONFIRM THE ADVANCE OF THE ALLIES AND RETREAT OF THE GERMANS "ALL ALONG THE LINE."

PARIS, SEPT. 14.—A NEWS DISPATCH FROM PETROGRAD SAYS IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED AT PETROGRAD THE RUSSIAN SUCCESS IN GALICIA IS CONTINUING.

London, Sept. 14.—"Incontestable" is the adjective used by General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French forces, in describing the victory claimed by the allies along the western battle front. The latest official communication from Paris indicates the advance is continuing all along the line with the allies' left wing now across the river Aisne.

But little news filters through from Germany regarding operations in the west, though it is evident from the tone of Berlin official statements that the people are being warned not to be too optimistic, as certain reverses may be expected. The latest actual battle news in Berlin describes a sortie from Paris Sept. 6, which it is stated had been repulsed.

Austrians in Sore Straits. Dispatches from many sources, including Vienna, indicate the Austrian army in Galicia is in sore straits, but the story of its complete destruction is evidently exaggerated, as latest Russian reports indicate General Rupprecht's forces are still meeting with organized resistance. It is evident, however, that the Austrian center was crumpled up while the left wing was hurled into the marshes of the River San. This left wing, composed of the flower of the Austrian army, may be caught in a trap, making unconditional surrender the only alternative to destruction.

An official statement from Petrograd says General Rennenkampf, in East Prussia, is stubbornly retreating before superior forces rather than risk the turning of his left flank by Germans.

Belgians Forced Back. The Belgian mobile force has returned to its Antwerp base with an official explanation that it served its purpose in preventing German reinforcements from joining the army in France. Other reports declare the Belgians were forced to return because the Germans had been strongly reinforced from Liege. Retirement is said to have been expedited by a threat to burn Brussels.

Paris, Sept. 14.—Retreat of the armies of Generals Von Kluck and Von Buelow continued at last accounts with considerable rapidity. The only official comment last night was that the allies were keeping in contact with the enemy and had crossed the river Aisne. The whereabouts of the Germans was not revealed, but it is evident they do not intend to make a stand on the line from Rheims to Soissons and it is thought likely they will not halt their retreat before reaching Belgium. They are already two-thirds the distance from Provins, department of Seine et Marne, to the frontier. Heavy rains of Saturday and Sunday are not likely to facilitate movement of the famous mortars that were to reduce Paris, and which require 40 horses to draw them. The armies of Generals Von Hausen and the prince of Wertheimburg, which constitute the center, seem to be headed toward Rethel and Mezieres, though part of this force is reported still retreating at the south end of the forest of Argonne.

French Lorraine Liberated. It was reported last night that the armies of the crown prince, the prince of Bavaria and General Von Heeringer had been forced across the frontier and that the entire territory of French Lorraine had been liberated. This

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Showers tonight and probably Tuesday; cooler Tuesday.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 73. Highest, yesterday, 75. Lowest last night, 69. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 15 miles per hour.

Precipitation, .05 inch.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 65; at 7 a. m., 56.

Stage of water, 3.5; a fall of .1 inch last 48 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter. Morning star: Saturn. The red star Aldebaran, a sun like our own, seen north of east well above the horizon about 9 p. m.

disposition of the German armies, if confirmed, makes another concentration in France, as suggested by certain critics, impossible. It leaves Generals Von Kluck and Von Buelow hotly pursued by the allies and menaced by an enveloping movement on the left and without hope of reinforcements, except perhaps from the 60,000 troops which occupy Belgium.

Latest news from Antwerp, however, shows these are likely to be needed there to stand off the offensive movement taken by King Albert's army. Taken all together, the situation here is viewed with equanimity and the government is busy itself with ways and means for reviving trade and commerce.

Germans Stubbornly Resist.

London, Sept. 14.—An official statement says: "All day yesterday the enemy stubbornly resisted our passage of the Aisne, but all crossings were secured by sunset. On our right and left troops were confronted with a similar task and also were successful. Many more prisoners were taken. It is reported from French headquarters that the German crown prince's army, driven back here, has moved headquarters from St. Meneshoult to Faucon."

English Describe Victories.

London, Sept. 14.—Important details of the operations of the British army in France from the 4th to the 10th of September, inclusive, were made public by the war office today. When the German army began its eastward movement to cut the French center, according to General French, it was ignoring the British as a factor in the fight. The allies began a general advance Sept. 7 against the German rear guard of their right wing, which had been left along the River Ourcq. The British army was reinforced. The Germans began a retirement on their right on the 7th. It was the first time they turned back since the battle of Mons. According to letters found on prisoners, they had expected to enter Paris in a few days. The order to retreat was a bitter disappointment. The British crossed the River Marne on the 9th with the French, and on the 10th captured 1,500 men, four great guns, six machine guns, and 50 transport wagons. The Germans of the right wing seemed demoralized. They were without food and surrendered readily.

"Much brutal and senseless damage was done in the villages occupied by the enemy," the report continues. "Property was not only destroyed, but houses generally were pillaged. Inhabitants were much ill-treated. One of the features of our side has been the success of the Royal Flying corps."

WOMAN DIES OF POISON

Malignant Infection from Garden Weeds Produces Fatal Case.

East St. Louis, Ill., Sept. 14.—Mrs. Catherine Meehan, 31 years old, of 1648 St. Clair avenue, wife of Michael Meehan, a saloon-keeper, and mother of three children, died of blood poisoning contracted in a peculiar manner. Mrs. Meehan was pulling weeds in her garden Saturday. In wiping perspiration from her brow her hand came in contact with a small pile on her forehead. According to Dr. L. D. Applewhite, a poisonous matter from the weeds caused infection of a most malignant type, known to medical science as epema.

Wheat on Big Decline.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 14.—Seemingly better chance that the war might come to a sudden end caused an extreme decline of 4½ cents at the opening of the wheat market today.

Closing prices were semi-panicky, losses varying 6½ to 6¾ net.

RUSSIAN TROOPS
NOW IN BELGIUM

London, Sept. 14.—The Ghent correspondent of the Daily News telegraph has after a two days' investigation he has confirmed the statement that Russian troops are in Belgium.

GERMAN LINE
BACKING BUT
STILL INTACT

First Stage of "The Battle of the Ages" Held Allies' Victory.

BIG CLASH IS TO COME

Military Experts See Splendid Opportunity for Defensive Action by Invaders.

LONDON, SEPT. 14.—THE FIRST STAGE OF THE BATTLE OF THE MARNE, WHICH, FROM THE NUMBER OF FIGHTING MEN ENGAGED, THE EXTENT OF THE LINE OF BATTLE AND THE TERRIFIC SLAUGHTER, IS PERHAPS CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS "THE BATTLE OF THE AGES," APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN WON BY THE FRENCH AND BRITISH ARMIES, BUT THE MAIN GERMAN ARMY IS STILL INTACT AND THE SUPREME CLASH IS STILL TO COME.

The present week may see even more desperate encounters than any which have taken place.

Metz, the capital of Lorraine, and a chain of forts, thence to Diedenhofen on the Moselle, 17 miles north of Mebe, form a strong pivot for the German left, while the river courses and the dense forest on the frontier, together with strategic roads, give the German army of invasion, now in retreat, a splendid opportunity for defensive action, should the French pursuit extend this far. Military observers foresee all kinds of perplexing possibilities in the event of the Germans regaining the position they held before they started the rush of 1,500,000 men on Paris, particularly should they succeed in retrieving any large portion of their losses in personnel.

Von Kluck Led Into Trap.

London, Sept. 14.—The Times' correspondent wires from five miles south of Provins: "I traveled to this point practically along the whole line of the allied army, though always in the rear. General Von Kluck's host in coming down over the Marne and Grand Morin rivers to Sezanne, 25 miles southwest of Epernay, were led into a trap. The fighting Sunday, Sept. 6, was of a terrible character. It began at dawn in the region of Laferte and Gaucher. The French and English fought sternly and slowly beat the enemy back. Attempts of the Germans to cross the Marne at Meaux entailed terrible losses. Sixteen attempts were foiled by French artillery directed on the river and in a trench 600 dead Germans were counted. The whole country was strewn with dead and dying. Monday saw a tremendous encounter on the Ourcq. A great deal of hand-to-hand fighting and bayonet work resulted in the Magdeburg regiment beating a retreat. Monday night General Von Kluck's army had been thrown back from the Marne and Morin to the region of Sezanne and his position was serious. Immediate steps were necessary to save his line of communications and retreat. Reinforcements were hurried north to the Meaux district and to Oursy and tremendous efforts were made to break the French resistance in this quarter. The second attempt on the Ourcq shared the fate of the first. All Monday night and well into Tuesday great guns boomed along this river, but the resistance of the allies could not be broken. While the Ourcq was being held the struggle of Sezanne was bearing splendid fruit. German resistance on this (Thursday) morning was broken. I heard the news in two ways—that German guns were silent and from the wounded who poured down to the base. The wounded were no longer downhearted, but were eager to rejoin the fray. On every French lip was the acclamation, 'They are rushing back home,' and in the same breath came general recognition of the great help given by the British army.

Fifteen Trains of Wounded.

"I am convinced the full extent of the rout is not yet appreciated in England. It truly is of terrific character and the blow will not fail to have lasting effect. The number of wounded entailed colossal transportation work. I counted 15 trains in eight hours. A fine grim set of men, terribly weary, but amiable, except the officers. The enemy crossed the Marne on the return journey north under great difficulties and a withering fire from the British, who pursued them. German artillery operated from a height and there was again much hand-to-hand

LOOKING FOR A LANDING

RED CROSS ABUSE
IS UNCONFIRMED

Premier Asquith Says Reports Involving German Army Will Be Investigated.

London, Sept. 14.—Premier Asquith today told the house of commons there was no official confirmation received concerning reported stories that German soldiers had abused the Red Cross flag, killed the maimed and wounded, killed women and children, as had been alleged so often in stories from the battlefield. He said added inquiry was being made.

fighting and the river was swollen with dead. Tuesday night the British were in possession of Laferte, Sous Jouarre and Chateau Thierry and the Germans had fallen back 40 miles, leaving a long train of spoils behind. On the same day in the neighborhood of Vitry le Francois French troops achieved a splendid victory. Incidentally they drove back the famous imperial guard of Germany from Sezanne to the swamps of Saint Gond. Wednesday the English army continued the pursuit towards the north, taking guns and provisions. The incidents of Wednesday will astound the world when made known in full. I know two German detachments of 1,000 men each were surrounded and cornered, but refused to surrender, and were wiped out almost to the last man."

RUSSIAN OFFICER MAKES
VAIN TRIP TO SEE MOTHER

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.—Capt. D. S. Vassiloff, naval attach of the Russian embassy at Washington, arrived from Yokohama yesterday after a vain attempt to see his dying mother in Russia. Being advised that his mother was fatally ill with cancer at her home near Petrograd, Captain Vassiloff obtained a leave of absence and departed from Washington on July 15, hoping to reach his mother's bedside before the end.

He arrived in Petrograd Aug. 1 and reported to the war office. There he was informed that the mobilization of the army had begun and he was ordered to return to his post immediately via Siberia. He has not heard from his mother and believes she is dead.

27,000 BELGIAN TROOPS
FALL IN BATTLE OF LIEGE

London, Sept. 14.—A telegram to the Observer from a correspondent at Antwerp dated last Thursday says: "The authorities are preparing an official casualty list of the operations at Liege and I am informed it will show that no fewer than 27,000 Belgian soldiers were killed in that heroic defense."

"It has been learned that on the occasion of the bomb dropping, which nearly damaged the royal palace, the signal was given by a German spy with the aid of a powerful motor lamp.

ELOPES WITH MAN'S WIFE;
FINE OF \$10 IS IMPOSED

Valley Park, Mo., Sept. 14.—Because he ran away with his neighbor's wife, Elmer Funderburk, 20 years old, of Clarkdale, Ill., a farm hand, was fined \$10 and costs by Justice of the Peace Floyd Brooks of Valley Park, being charged with a statutory offense.

Last Monday Funderburk and Mrs. Ruth Tice, wife of James Tice, a farmer living near Clarkdale, Ill., hitched a horse to one of Tice's buggies, put a big trunk on the rear and departed for Missouri together. The husband was away.

The two were arrested near Houser Springs, in Jefferson county, Missouri, twenty-six miles southwest of Valley Park, by Constable Jack Sturdy of Valley Park. The couple said they had been spending the nights in the open, as they feared trouble if they went to a hotel.

Mrs. Tice said she ran away from her home because her husband had not treated her right, and that she sold one of his cows for \$50 to finance the trip. She has been married not quite a year.

Frank Jones of Cisne, Ill., father of the woman, who traced them into Jefferson county and caused the man's arrest, took his daughter home with him. She pleaded to be allowed to remain with Funderburk.

When Tice arrived in Valley Park he became enraged and threatened Funderburk with violence. After Funderburk's trial Tice left for his Illinois home, saying he was going to prosecute the farm hand for luring away his wife. It is possible that the white slave law will be invoked.

FATHER'S PITIFUL PLAINT

Complains That Son Has Stolen Love of His Young Wife.

Elwood, Ind., Sept. 14.—Asserting that his 19-year-old wife, to whom he was married two months ago, was neglecting him, while she was receiving the affections of his son, 24 years old, Marion Goins, 60 years old, appeared at the police station here, apparently more desirous of receiving sympathy than the assistance of the officers. He was told that matters of renewing love were outside the police work, but that he might help things by compelling his son to look for another home. Goins' first wife died only a few months ago.

T. P. Pierce 50 Years Wed.

Kewanee, Ill., Sept. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Pierce celebrated their golden wedding anniversary yesterday. For 32 years Mr. Pierce was president of the Union National bank. He was a member of the state board of equalization 16 years.

Place Limit on Paris Signs.

Paris, Sept. 14.—Illuminated signs and advertisements have been forbidden in Paris above the height of the first story as a preventive to signaling by spies.

DAY'S WAR PRICE
FORTY MILLIONS

E. H. Gary of Steel Corporation Gives Figures and Discusses Results.

New York, Sept. 14.—E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, who returned from Europe with his wife on the steamship France, prophesied after reaching his home that the war would not last long, owing to the cost of the conflict, the great loss of life and the destruction of property.

Relating that at the end of August he rode 200 miles in a semi-circle north and east of Paris, where he "saw everything pertaining to war except actual fighting," Mr. Gary said:

"Statistics have been published showing the actual expenditures of the war amount to \$40,000,000 daily, and this is perhaps conservative, as the indirect loss will be fully equal to the direct."

"The stupendous and immediate cost to the nations engaged cannot be conceived. The unfavorable effect on the economic conditions of the nations, which will be realized sooner or later, is of great magnitude."

"The destruction of property, aggregating billions of dollars in value, will be felt throughout the world. Add to this the consequences of the awful destruction of human life and it is understood how much we, as Americans, are interested in a speedy termination of the war."

"If nothing is done by this government or her people to minimize or neutralize her influence she will be a potent factor in the solution of the world's greatest, deadliest and most expensive conflict."

"The instruments of destruction, the methods of using them and the facilities for moving armies have greatly changed, and therefore as the destruction of life will be so large and rapid it would seem as though it must necessarily be sooner ended than in former times and under different conditions."

First Victim of Hunting Season.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Sept. 14.—Joseph Ridgeway, aged 12, son of Dr. J. H. Ridgeway, is the first victim of the hunting season here today. The boy's thigh was shot away by the accidental discharge of a shotgun while he was hunting ducks at Moreley's Point. He died from the loss of blood.

700 OF IMPERIAL
GUARD PRISONERS

Paris, Sept. 14.—A convoy of 700 prisoners and 164 wounded, all from the imperial guard of Germany, passed through Corbiel, 18 miles southeast of Paris, Sunday. All were completely exhausted and nearly famished.

KAISER WINS
FROM ALLIES
BERLIN SAYS

Asserted Crown Prince's Army Captures Forts Close to Verdun.

DENIES ENEMY CLAIMS

Battle in Progress Between Paris and River Marne Over 125 Kilometres.

BERLIN, SEPT. 14 (WIRELESS TO ASSOCIATED PRESS).—AN OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS: "THE CROWN PRINCE HAS CAPTURED THE ENEMY'S FORTIFIED POSITION SOUTHWEST OF VERDUN AND IS NOW BOMBARDING THE OUTER FORTS. IN THE SOUTH A BATTLE IS IN PROGRESS BETWEEN PARIS AND THE RIVER MARNE OVER A FRONT OF 125 KILOMETRES."

"The crown prince's army is separated from the main battle by the forest of Argonne. The armies of the crown prince of Bavaria and General Von Heeringen are in formal battle near the upper Moselle."

"General Hindenberg, who defeated the Russians, has crossed the Russian frontier, and up to the present has taken 10,000 prisoners and many machine guns and aeroplanes."

Another official report today says: "The garrison at Antwerp has been repulsed. The crown prince's army is now attacking the forts between Verdun and Toul, on both sides. Last night's official details of the battle east of Paris cannot yet be made public. A new battle is in progress which is favorable to the Germans. Reports in London and Paris of German defeat are untrue."

Prince Ernest Killed.

"Retreat of the Russian army in east Prussia appears developing into flight and demoralization. General Hindenberg reports the capture of 150 guns and between twenty and thirty thousand prisoners. The London Times has confessed recruiting in Ireland has failed. Prince Ernest of Saxe-Melninggen, mortally wounded, expressed a wish that his body be buried with his fallen comrades."

Austrians Capitulate?

London, Sept. 14.—A dispatch from Paris says: "The Matins Petrograd correspondent states persistent rumors are current there that the larger part of the Austrian armies capitulated yesterday."

"The Figaro announces that General Von Der Goltz, governor of occupied Belgian territory, visited Antwerp provided with safe conduct and made a proposal to the Belgian government with a view to reaching an agreement. The Belgian government refused to consider the proposals."

500,000 Fresh French Troops.

London, Sept. 14.—A Times Paris dispatch says: "The general commander in Paris has 500,000 fresh troops under command which will be used presumably in pursuing the enemy. Difficulties of the retreating army are many and there are good chances the allies may annihilate them before they reach the frontier."

A Paris dispatch to the Express says: "German losses in cavalry are appalling. A German cavalry officer who is a prisoner estimated the wastage in cavalry horses, especially in Belgium, amounts to two-thirds of the total strength allotted to the army operating in the direction of Paris."

SUES GIRL FOR \$20,000

Wife Alleges She Alienated Affections of Her Husband.

New York, Sept. 14.—A trip to the Delaware Water Gap with Miss Martha Breden of No. 568 West One Hundred Eighty-second street, was sufficient to alienate the affections of Harry U. Hubbs, a delicatessen keeper, according to his wife, Mrs. Lillian M. M. Hubbs, who has begun suit to recover \$20,000 from Miss Breden in the supreme court. Mrs. Hubbs says she has been married eleven years and was happy until July 6, when her husband, with Miss Breden, saw the Delaware river. Fifteen days later, it is alleged, Mr. Hubbs deserted his wife.

Sell England 10,000 Horses.

Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 14.—Central Illinois horse buyers are filling an order from England for 10,000 cavalry and artillery horses. Shipments are being made by special trains when 10 to 20 carsloads are assembled.